

REMARKS

Claims 2-29 and 35-38 were pending in this case, in which a Notice of Appeal has been filed. Applicant has not yet filed its brief.

Rejections under 35 USC §112, first paragraph

The Examiner has rejected the claims as indefinite under 35 USC 112, due to lack of support in the specification for the term “receptacle” as used in claim 35.

In the final rejection, the Examiner suggests that the term “receptacle” be replaced with either “receiving hole” or “aperture.”

To remove an issue for appeal, applicant has amended claim 35 to change the respective occurrences of “receptacles” and “receptacle” to “apertures” and “aperture.”

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment as being proper under 37 CFR 41.33(a), because it is filed before the appeal brief and is a proper amendment under 37 CFR 1.116.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended are now only rejected under 35 USC 103, an issue which remains issue for appeal. If a telephone interview is required to resolve any further issues, such a call from the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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